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SUBJ: INTERSINDICAL ATTACKS ECONOMIC PLAN

1. COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR ORGANIZATION, INTERSINDICAL, HAS PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM GOVERNMENT'S SOON TO BE PUBLISHED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLAN. COMMUNIQUE MADE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

A. UNION REPRESENTATIVES ONLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN 5 OUF OF 15 WORKING GROUPS SET UP TO PREPARE PLAN--BANKING
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(AND ONLY AFTER PROTESTS), INSURANCE, EMPLOYMENT, PRICES AND

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INCOMES, AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION.

B. GROUPS, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED EMPLOYER AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, DID NOT REFLECT PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION. THEY INCLUDED ELEMENTS "NOT IMBUED WITH SPIRIT OF APRIL 25," AND ADOPTED POSITIONS WHICH DON'T AGREE WITH ANTIMONOPOLISTIC STRATEGY OF MFA PROGRAM, AND DO NOT ALLOW COMPLIANCE WITH ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES SPECIFICALLY CRITICIZED IN THIS REGARD.

C. IN SECTORAL GROUPS (AGRICULTURE, VARIOUS INDUSTRIES), THERE WERE NO WORKER REPRESENTATIVES, AND SOME GROUPS DIDN'T EVEN FUNCTION.

D. ONLY 30 DAYS WERE ALLOWED FOR GROUPS TO PREPARE PRO-POSALS.

2. INTERSINDICAL COMMUNIQUE ALSO ANALYZED ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SIX OF GROUPS:

A. BANKING-DIFFERENCES IN OPINION COVERED UP BY "SYSTEMATIC REFUSAL," UNDER VARIOUS PRETEXTS, TO HOLD PLENARY SESSIONS. SYNDICAL PROPOSALS CONTINUOUSLY DELAYED BY GROUP WHILE AT SAME TIME COUNCIL OF MINISTERS LEGISLATING IN FIELD. TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT PREPARED CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT GROUP MEETING TO DIS-CUSS THEM. (COMMENT: INTERSINDICAL HAS PREVIOUSLY ASKED FOR NATIONALIZATION OF COMMERCIAL BANKS. THIS SECTOR NOT INCLUDED IN NATIONALIZATION PROPOSALS OF PLAN. END COMMENT.)

B. INSURANCE-GROUP CHAIRMAN WAS LAST PRESIDENT OF INSURANCE INDUSTRY GUILD. CONFEDERATION OF PORTUGUESE INDUSTRY (C.I.P.) WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP, BUT INTERSINDICAL WAS NOT, AND SYNDICAL REPRESENTATIVES WERE ISOLATED. THEY DISASSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM GROUP'S CON-CLUSIONS AND TRIED TO PRESENT ANALYSIS CALLING FOR NATIONALI-ZATION OF THE SECTOR. (COMMENT: PLAN DOES NOT CALL FOR NATIONALIZATION OF INSURANCE INDUSTRY. END COMMENT.)

C. CIVIL CONSTRUCTION-THERE WAS EARLY EVIDENCE OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF COLLECTIVE WORK WITHIN GROUP. "PROGRESSIVE"
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POSITIONSWERE CONTINUALLY OPPOSED BY EMPLOYERS ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO PRE-APRIL 25 POSITION. IMPASSE RESULTED IN TWO OPPOSING REPORTS.

D. EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS-COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZES FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF COUNTRY'S "EXTRAORDINARY DEPENDENCE ON IMPERIALISM," AND CONSEQUENT GRAVITY OF FAILURE TO INVITE WORKER REPRESENTATIVES.

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GROUP'S REPORT REPRESENTS "RETURN TO METHODS CONCEIVED BY THE RESPONSIBLE FASCISTS AND WHICH ONLY APRIL 25TH PREVENTED FROM BECOMING REALITY."

E. PRICES AND INCOMES; EMPLOYMENT-COMMUNIQUE PRAISED WORK OF THESE TWO GROUPS.

3. COMMUNIQUE ENDS BY DENOUNCING "ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE SYNDICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OPTIONS WHICH, IF THEY WEREN'T OPPORTUNELY CRITICIZED, COULD EVENTUALLY BE TURNED AGAINST THE WORKERS THEMSELVES." SYNDICAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO PREPARE REPORT ABOUT WORK OF SIX GROUPS MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, WHICH WILL BE DISSEMINATED AS FIRST SYNDICAL ANALYSIS OF PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO OVERCOME IT.
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